

Xerxes did so. Amestris cut off the woman's breasts, ears, lips and tongue and threw them to the palace dogs. Then she sent the mutilated woman home.

"Parysatis, the mother of Artaxerxes, caused the mother and sister of a rival to be buried alive,

"M. R., a case described by Ot-tolenghi, was a thief, a corrupter of youth, a blackmailer, and all this at the age of 17.

"When only 12 she robbed her father. At 15 she fled from home with a lover, whom she left almost at once for a vicious career.



Louise Vermilya.

while the rival herself she ordered cut to pieces.

"Ta-Ki, the mistress of the Emperor Cheon-Sin, plunged him into vicious excesses, and when a rival appeared on the scene she had her killed and sent the body, cut into pieces, to the murdered woman's father, whom she also caused to be assassinated.

"She was extremely vindictive—on one occasion she conceived such a violent hatred for a rival that, enticing her into a cave, she poisoned her coffee and thus caused her death."

Lombroso is merciless in his analysis of the feminine traits.

"What is the explanation?" he asks.